

CRITICAL RACE, GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Critical Race, Gender and Sexuality Studies

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The Program

Our major lies at the intersections of Ethnic Studies (ES), Women's Studies (WS), and Multicultural Queer Studies (MQS). This interdisciplinary program analyzes how notions of race, gender, sexuality, nation, class, physical ability, and other aspects of social location materially influence people's lives. Students take a common core of classes then choose an emphasis in ES, WS, or MQS.

Students completing this program will have demonstrated the ability to:

- use intersectional analysis to examine social issues
- explain prominent debates in critical social theory
- examine gendered, racialized, and/or sexualized relations in a transnational context
- link theory to practice
- write effectively within scholarly contexts
- articulate the relationship between social justice movements and history.

CRGS graduates will be prepared to work in such fields as politics and government, business, social services, activism, and community organizing, and to pursue a variety of other jobs in the non-profit sector. In addition, graduates will be in a strong position to enter and successfully complete graduate study programs in the social sciences and humanities as well as obtain professional degrees and credentials leading to a range of careers. Graduates of our program are likely to pursue professions in, for example, social work, library science, education (on K-12, community college, and university levels), health care (counselor, psychologist, midwife, doctor, nurse, hospice, and hospital counseling), and law (civil rights attorney, legal representation for domestic abuse and violence cases, human rights law).

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see "The Bachelor's Degree" section of the catalog, pp. 61-77.

All courses required for the major must be completed with a minimum grade of C-.

Core Curriculum

Lower Division [9 units]

Required:

CRGS 108 (3) Power/Privilege: Gender & Race, Sex, Class

Historical Content:

Choose one of the following:

ES 105 (3) Intro to Ethnic Studies, **or**
WS 107 (3) Women, Culture, History

Contemporary Issues:

Choose one of the following:

ES 106 (3) Intro to Black Studies, **or**
WS 106 (3) Intro to Women's Studies

Upper Division [12 units]

CRGS 330 (3) Women of Color
Feminisms

CRGS 360 (4) Race, Gender & US Law

CRGS 390 (4) Theory & Methods

CRGS 485 (1) Senior Portfolio

Community Engagement and Leadership [5 units]

Required:

CRGS 313/EDUC 313 (3) Community
Activism

Choose two units from the following courses:

CRGS 482 (1-3) Internship, **or**

CRGS 491 (1-2) Mentoring

Total units in common curriculum: 26

Ethnic Studies Emphasis

[16 units required]

Required:

ES 310 (4) US-Mexico Border

Choose 12 units from the following list,
chosen in consultation with major advisor:

CRGS 235 (1) Act to End Sexualized
Violence

ES 107 (3) Chican@/Latin@ Lives

ES 245 (3) Hip Hop & the Black
Experience

ES 304 (3) Migrations and Mosaics
ES 306 (3) World Cultures
ES 308 (3) Multi-Ethnic Resistance
in the US
ES 314 (3) Chicano Culture & Society
ES 320 (3) African American History
ES 325 (3) From Civil Rights to Black
Power
ES 326 (4) Media & the Politics of
Representation
ES 336 (4) Ethnic American
Literature
ES 465 (4) Multicultural Issues in
Literature & Language
ES 480 (1-3) Special Topics in Ethnic
Studies

Other advisor approved courses.

Multicultural Queer Studies Emphasis

[16 units required]

Required:

CRGS 430/ANTH 430 (3-4) "Queer"
Across Cultures

Choose 12 units from the following list,
chosen in consultation with major advisor:

CRGS 235 (1) Act to End Sexualized
Violence

CRGS 321 (3) Trans* Lives and
Theory

EDUC 318/PSYC 318/WS 318 (3)
Gay and Lesbian Issues
in Schools

ENGL 336/ES 336/WS 336 (4)
when offered as Multicultural
Queer Narratives

ENGL 465B-C (4) when offered as
Performing Race & Gender

FILM 465 (4) when offered as
Queer Movies

PSYC 236 (1) Choice & Changes in
Sexuality

PSYC 436/WS 436 (3) Human Sexuality

PSYC 437 (3) Sexual Diversity

WS 350 (4) Women's Health & Body
Politics

WS 370 (3-4) Queer Women's Lives, **or**

ENGL 360 (4) when offered as Queer
Women's Literature

Other advisor approved courses.

Women's Studies Emphasis

[16 units required]

Required:

WS 315/ANTH 315 (4) Sex, Gender, and
Globalization*

Choose 12 units from the following list, chosen in consultation with major advisor:

CRGS 235 (1) Act to End Sexualized Violence

CRGS 430/ANTH 430 (3-4) "Queer" Across Cultures*

WS 303 (3) Anticolonial Women's Movements*

WS 317/ANTH 317 (4) Women in Development

WS 320 (3) Act to End Violence Seminar

WS 336/ENGL 336/ES 336 (4) Ethnic American Literatures

WS 340 (3-4) Ecofeminism*

WS 350 (4) Women's Health & Body Politics

WS 370 (3-4) Queer Women's Lives, **or**

ENGL 360 (4) when offered as Queer Women's Literature

WS 419/PSYC 419 (3) Family Violence

WS 465B-C (4) Multicultural Issues in Language & Literature

WS 480 (1-5) Selected Topics in Women's Studies

Other advisor approved courses.



* Students must take a minimum of two courses with transnational focus.
